

Literacy and Learning Symposium 2021 (Virtual) Attendee Survival Guide

The CLN Board and Staff are proud to be your hosts for this annual professional development event. We look forward to hosting approximately 300 people virtually from across Alberta this year.

This year, the theme for the event is “Let’s Roll With It!”.

To help you get the most out of this new virtual event, here are a few tips to make this a great experience.



Pro Tips to get the Most out of your Symposium (Virtual) Experience

Chime Live

The Literacy and Learning Symposium is a whirlwind of networking, learning and celebrating. Be sure to manage your own time and energy so you get the most out of your time with us.

Custom Chime Live Virtual Platform: Each attendee will be given access to our Chime Live virtual event platform, which will provide all the information, activities and entertainment that you will need for a great virtual Symposium experience. Our customized virtual platform will have schedules of daily events, a **Main Stage** for livestream events, such as the CLN AGM, the Opening, Awards, and Closing Ceremonies, the keynote presentations and more. This is also where you will find the links to **Zoom breakout session links** for your sessions based on your personal agendas.

You will be given access to the virtual platform via your **email and a pre-set password**, which will be sent to you. **Note:** Your password to access the event will be automatically generated, and will NOT be the same as your CALP Portal password.

There will also be engagement features built into the virtual platform including, Zoom Reactions, Chats, Live Snap (photo wall), Q&A, Attendee Hub and Video Networking Lounges.

You can also stop by the **virtual Symposium registration and information desk** (via a Zoom link) if you have any questions.

Each day, log in to **Chime Live** and we will provide announcements about the day’s events, countdowns to the main events and more!

IMPORTANT NOTE: To get the most of the full Virtual Symposium experience, be sure to keep Chime Live open throughout the event. There is no need to close Chime Live when you log into meetings or sessions. Chime Live will be used to share messages, send important updates, and will be used as our “plenary” room.



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Sessions via Zoom

Sessions at this year's Symposium will be held using the Zoom platform.

Within the Chime Live event site, you will have access to your personal agenda, and direct links to log in to your sessions via Zoom.

Virtual Symposium Demo

As the Literacy and Learning Symposium prepares to go virtual for a second time, CLN is excited to provide a Chime Live Demo, which will be available on the home page on the site.

Attendee Packages

All Symposium (virtual) attendees will receive a special delivery by mail (Canada Post). Look for it a few days prior to the event!

Be sure to join us at the Opening, Awards and Closing Ceremonies – there will be **DRAW PRIZES!**

First-time Symposium Attendees

Attend The Let's Connect Lounges (interest-related topics) on Tuesday, September 28th at 9:30 am to meet new people and start your Symposium experience off right!

Making New Connections

We know that you will be networking and connecting with people virtually throughout the Symposium. Ways to connect include: hosting or joining a Symposium Spoke in your area, via virtual Chats, adding to Live Snap (photo wall) and/or via the Attendee Hub. Get ready to meet others in the CALP world and to make new connections!

Fireside Chat (via a Zoom breakout link)

If you are looking for a quiet and informal place to connect, share and learn from one another, but do not want to leave it to chance, come to the virtual Fireside Chat room. This living room format meeting place is a flexible space where you can engage in purposeful networking in a cozy, private nook.



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Symposium Special Event

Literacy and Learning Awards Ceremony - Thursday, September 30th on the virtual Main Stage from 1:30 – 3:00 pm: The annual awards ceremony will feature an adult learner speaker, presentations of the Council of the Federation Literacy Award, the CLN Outstanding Contribution to Community Adult Learning Awards, and the Ruth Hayden Family Literacy Practitioner Award. The Awards Ceremony follows a more formal program than most of the Symposium, and is a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of award winners and the featured adult learner. The Awards Ceremony is intended to be warm, safe and welcoming to all, so there is no dress code in effect, but we do encourage you to get fancy if you'd like. 😊

Self-care While Online

Energizing Tips: Our brains are like sponges – they can only absorb so much. Consider trying a few simple things to help you stay energized and ready to learn during the event.

- Enjoy your favourite nutritious snacks, for downtime at your desk
- Try not to overwork yourself beforehand
- Carve out downtime while being online
- Get enough sleep
- Eat smart and drink lots of water
- Take breaks and get outdoors from time to time
- Attend our new Energizer session on Thursday, September 30th at 11:00 am!

**LLS 2021 (Virtual) will be a great time to learn, connect
and contribute together.**

We look forward to seeing you online!

